

Claims

1 1. A portable audio system comprising:  
2 a housing including:  
3 a hard disk drive having at least 10 gigabytes of  
4 storage capacity;  
5 a plurality of music titles stored on said hard disk  
6 drive as MP3 compressed digital data;  
7 at least one pair of audio speakers;  
8 means for decompressing said digital data;  
9 means for driving said speakers with said  
10 decompressed data to thereby present the music of said  
11 music titles; and  
12 means for manually carrying said housing while said  
13 music is being presented.

1 2. The portable audio system of claim 1 wherein said  
2 speakers are USB speakers driven by said decompressed  
3 digital data.

1 3. The portable audio system of claim 1 wherein said  
2 housing further includes means for converting said  
3 decompressed digital data to analog data; and wherein  
4 said means for driving said speakers drive said speakers  
5 with said analog data.

1 4. The portable audio system of claim 3 wherein said  
2 housing further includes:  
3 a system memory; and  
4 means for selectively accessing the data  
5 representative of a music title from the hard drive and  
6 storing the accessed data in system memory during the  
7 audio presentation of said music title.

- 1 5. The portable audio system of claim 4 wherein said
- 2 housing further includes:
- 3 a portable rechargeable power supply.

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